

State vs. Carpendor and Stevens.

LETTERS EXCHANGED BETWEEN  
DR. HALL AND MRS. MILLS

Charlotte Mills, direct, pp. 87, 88, 89.

After testifying that her mother's relations with Dr. Hall were quite proper so far as she knew she testified to a conversation with her mother in substance as follows:

Her mother told her that in her health condition she would not live long, had private things between herself and Dr. Hall and would Charlotte take them and deliver them to Dr. Hall if anything happens to her, Mrs. Mills. Mrs. Mills told Charlotte there were letters in Dr. Hall's study at his house that she wanted taken care of if she died, that she was afraid that the letters might have been pried into, and that she wanted them taken from the study. Charlotte identified the letters found at the scene of the murders and offered in evidence, as in her mother's handwriting, but said that she had never seen them before her mother's death and had not taken them to Dr. Hall.

Charlotte said she knew of a book in Dr. Hall's study in the church where letters were exchanged

James Mills, direct, p. 190, said Mrs. Mills had nothing in her hands when she left the house on Thursday night; that he had seen letters on the Monday preceding Thursday, September 14, in his wife's handwriting in her coat pocket hanging in the hall; that he did not read them, but he saw the top of one which said, "Honey." When he said the foregoing he said he took them out of his wife's pocket but she did not see him do it, repeating that he did not read them; he did not bother with them.



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Charlotte Mills direct, p. 91a (pencil number).

Mrs. Mills was operated upon in February, 1922. After her mother came home she told Charlotte that Mr. and Mrs. Hall visited her one afternoon at the hospital shortly after she came there.

"While there Mr. Hall knelt down on one side of the bed opposite Mrs. Hall and he prayed, and after he finished the prayer he looked at Mrs. Hall and said to her, 'Frances, if anything happens to Eleanor I will kill myself.'" (p. 92)

(Note: A likely statement for a man carrying on an illicit affair to make to his own wife in the presence of the other woman at a time when the affair was being concealed.

(P. 93.) Mrs. Mills also told Charlotte of a prayer poem brought to the hospital by Mr. Hall left on a dresser in Mrs. Mills' room and surmised by Mr. Hall to have been seen by Mrs. Hall while he was out of the room.

Direct, p. 94, 95.

Charlotte told of her mother going by automobile to Lake Hopatcong with Dr. and Mrs. Hall on a picnic trip the day before the murder. Mrs. Mills not being strong, was tired by climbing, and reaching a resting place, Mr. Hall made her comfortable. While he was doing this Mrs. Hall looked at Mrs. Mills in the most horrifying manner and Mrs. Mills said to Charlotte "she hoped she would never see a human being give her a look like that again because it was killing."



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Charlotte further said that her mother told her that about a month or two before the murders her mother was invited to Mrs. Hall's garden of an evening because she was very fond of flowers, and after visiting the garden was invited to the porch where she was offered a cup of tea. She was the only one to drink, and after several sips she became suddenly ill and was immediately brought home, where she vomited severely.

Note: Simpson asked Charlotte whether Mrs. Mills said anything about whether she thought she was poisoned or not and Charlotte did not answer his question but talked of nausea.

Note: Charlotte never saw a letter written by Dr. Hall or by Mrs. Mills to the other.

Also she was never threatened or offered money by DiMartini or by Mrs. Hall or by anyone else on Mrs. Hall's behalf.